Supply and Distribution) Bill, 1992 and the National Highways (Amendment) Bill, 1992 on the Table.

VALEDICTORY REMARKS

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Today is the last day of the Session, hon. Members, and I would like to say a few words to you before we adjourn. I am very happy that we have the quorum. Sometimes, when we adjourn the House *sine die*, there is hardly anyone even to speak to.

Hon. Members, I would like to thank all the Members on my behalf and on behalf of the Members on the Panel of Vice-Chairman,—in fact, I should thank the Members on the Panel of Vice-Chairmen because they have headed a lot, specially today—for the cooperation extended in the transaction of the day-to-day business of the House. As the Members are aware, during the Monsoon Session, weather does play a major role in the control of tempers in the House. But like the weather in Delhi which changes very often, the mood of the House also changed occasionally, warming up feelings and tempers. Hon. Members are aware that this Session has been a long, hectic and heavy one. We had in all 31 sittings and the House sat for approximately 180 hours, passed 15 Bills and returned 7 Bills. Two Calling Attention Notices were also taken up. The Members took keen interest in the Special Mentions and in all 192 Special Mentions were made by the hon. Members. Apart from that, we had Short Duration Discussions on some important subjects like irregularities and fraudulent transactions in banks and other financial institutions, developments at Ayodhya, likely closure of certain public sector undertakings, condition of rural labour, etc.

The historic and substantive achievement of this Session has been that we decided to set up three Joint Parliamentary Committees on Human Resource Development, Industry and Labour. The unanimity displayed by the House in endorsing the recommendations of our General Purposes Committee and Rules Committee only indicates the desire of Members to perform their functions of overseeing administration for the welfare of the people.

During this period some important events also took place, such as the election of the President of India, election of the Vice-President, election of the Deputy Chairman of the House, broadcast of the Question Hour by the AIR, oath/affirmation by new Members and appointment of Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to go into irregularities and fraudulent manipulations in all its aspects and ramifications in transactions relating to securities, shares, bonds and other financial instruments.

The House also made reference to the dropping of the first ever atomic bomb on Hiroshima 47 years ago on the 6th August, 1945.

To mark the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Quit India Movement the House at a special sitting held on the 8th August, 1992 paid homage to martyrs and freedom fighters and adopted a Resolution.

I once again thank hon. Members, leaders of various parties and groups and also the Leader of the House for the cooperation extended by them in conducting the proceedings of the House. And I also thank the staff of the Secretariat the members of the staff working in the House and outside for the work they have rendered during the Session.

I wish you all happiness and extend to you Dussehra and Diwali greetings and also greetings for other festivals that will be falling during the inter-Session period.

AN HON MEMBER: Madam, tomorrow is Janamashtami.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: For Janamashtami also.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Madam, my present duty is to say a few words at this time of adjourning the House *sine die*, almost *sine die* ... (*Interruptions*) ... Madam, as you have correctly said, though the Session was for a very short period, it was really memorable because we were able to elect the President the Vice-President and the Deputy Chairman. And this Session is particularly important because you as Deputy Chairman were shouldering the whole responsibility, almost the entire responsibility, because the Chairman had been with us only for one day. You were actually playing the role of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, the panel of Vice-Chairman. So I thought I must give special thanks to you for the extraordinary efforts made by you and the consideration and affection you have shown towards all the Members of this House, from all sides and from all parts.

I am also thankful to all the Members belonging to various political parties for the excellent cooperation they have offered to the Government in conducting the proceedings of the House in a very sucessful manner. Though we discussed many items outside the Governmental Legislative Business, we were able to complete all the Business listed by us. In addition, we were able to complete two more items which came today ... (*Interruptions*) ... So, I am thankful to all the Membeds. I must also thank the Secretary-General, the Secretariat and other staff working inside and outside the House and the Press and all other members who cooperated with us and the officers who rendered their cooperation. I am also extending greetings to the hon. Members and to you specifically for a successful day. I hope the new Chairman is taking over from tomorrow onwards and your burden will be reduced. I hope we will be meeting very soon in a new atmosphere with a new Chairman. Thank you very much for giving this opportuniy.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We should thank him for the dinner tonight.

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह (बिहार): उपसभापति महोदया, यह जरूरी समझता हूं कि अभी जो आखिरी क्षण में हम यहां बैठे हुए हैं और कुछ भी हो, किसी तरह की विदाई का जो अंतिम क्षण होता है वह कुछ दुखदायी भी होता है। जैसा कि जैकब साहब ने कहा और बिल्कुल ठीक कहा, यह पूरा सत्र जो है, वह आपका सत्र रहा। जैसे इतिहास लिखा जाता है तो केवल तिथियों का और घटनाओं का ही नहीं, व्यक्तियों का भी इतिहास होता है। राज्य सभा का यह सत्र जो हुआ है वह निश्चित रूप से नजमा हेपतुल्ला जी का पूरा का पूरा सत्र कहा जाएगा। जैसा कि इन्होंने बताया, चेयरमैन भी आप थीं, डिप्टी चेयरमैन भी आप थीं और हर तरह से, जिस तरह से आपने हाउस को कंडक्ट किया, जिस स्नेह के साथ, अपनापन के साथ प्यार के साथ हालांकि गुस्से के साथ भी, लेकिन आपके गुस्से में भी ऐसी मानुषियत रहती थी और ऐसा प्यार भरा रहता था कि हम उसे कभी भूल नहीं पाते हैं। विपक्ष और पक्ष, सत्ता पक्ष और विपक्ष, दोनों मिल कर लोकतंत्र और संसद् की प्रक्रिया को पूरी करते हैं। पं० जवाहर लाल नेहरू जी बराबर कहते थे कि लोकतंत्र में विपक्ष का महत्व सब से ज्यादा हुआ करता है। मैं समझता हूं कि जितने भी हमारे विपक्षी साथी थे, सब ने

क्रियात्मक और रचनात्मक रूप से सरकार को बराबर सहयोग दिया । निश्चित रूप से ऐसे कई क्षण आए जबकि परेशानी के क्षण थे, चिंता के क्षण थे, लेकिन वे क्षण भी बीत गए । निश्चय ही जो पिछले दिनों का हमारा काल रहा है । वह इतिहास का एक बहुत ही मधुरिम काल रहा है । राष्ट्रपति का, उप राष्ट्रपति का, डिप्टी चेयरमैन का हमने चुनाव किया । मैं आशा करता हूं कि भविष्य में भी इस तरह से हमारा यह सहयोग चलता रहेगा और हम विश्वास दिलाना चाहते हैं कि रचनात्मक रूप से हमारा साथ होगा । हम भी आपके साथ ही सत्ता पक्ष, विपक्ष के शीर्षधारियों, सचिवालय के सभी लोगों, प्रेस, पत्रकार तथा जितने भी लोग जुटे हुए हैं, सभी को अपनी ओर से और सभी साथियों की ओर से धन्यवाद देता हूं ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, Mr. Salaria has informed that he will not be with us in the next session because he will be retiring in October. So, *in absentia* we wish him all the best and hope that there will be elections soon in Kashmir and the conditions will be better so that we can get Members from Kashmir also. A very historic thing has happened. I forgot to mention about it. In-between we had elections in Punjab and we got after a long time a full contingent of the Punjab M.Ps. in our House. So, there is the whole regiment and it is nice to see a lot of *pagris* in the House after a long time—we were watching only Ahluwaliaji. Now, there are many others also. I thank you all once again and the House stands adjourned *sine die*.

The House then adjourned *sine die* at forty-five minutes past ten of the clock.